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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application

Applicants: Maeda et al.

Serial No. 09/976,767

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM USING
A PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC FILM
HAVING A TBR NOT EXCEEDING
ONE-FIFTH OF A TBR OF AN IN-PLANE
MAGNETIC FILM

Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: Bernatz, Kevin M.

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Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee	Additional
Total Claims	8	20	= 0	x	\$18.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	= 0	x	\$84.00	= \$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims					\$280.00	= \$0.00
					Total Additional Fee	\$0.00
					Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)	\$0.00

(X) Amendment A.

(X) Corrected Form PTO-1449.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: